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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001. A petition for a three month extension of time, from February 2, 2002 to May 2, 2002, is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 45-107.